

THREE TOWNS TAKEN

The British Captured Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers and Now Hold Them in Their Entirety, According to Official Announcement Made This Afternoon

2,300 GERMANS MADE PRISONERS

French Have Successfully Resisted Several Attempts of Germans in Counter-Attacks, Says the French Official Statement Issued To-day

London, Sept. 16.—As the result of their offensive north of the Somme, begun yesterday morning along a six-mile front north of Comblès to beyond the Pargères-Bapaume road, the British hold in their entirety the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers, the war of office announced this afternoon.

Last night's statement told of the great gain and of the capture of 2,300 prisoners. The statement is as follows: "To-day's fighting, which has been severe, resulted in our capture of virtually all the high ground between Comblès and the Pargères-Bapaume road.

"Most of the Bouleaux wood, Flers, High wood, Martinpuich and Courcellette have fallen into our hands. The enemy fought stubbornly to retain his ground.

"Over 2,300 prisoners already have been passed back, including 65 officers, six of them being battalion commanders. "Our air service to-day maintained a constant successful co-operation with our artillery and infantry. Frequent accurate reports have been furnished of the course of the battle. Hostile artillery and infantry have been effectively gauged by our aeroplanes with machine gun fire. Many bombing attacks were carried out against hostile aerodromes and railway stations in the course of which troop trains were hit and transport and railway sidings were attacked with machine gun fire.

"Another German kite balloon was brought down. The total number of hostile aeroplanes destroyed to-day was 13. Nine others were driven down in a damaged condition. Four of our machines are missing."

FRENCH HURL BACK COUNTER-ATTACKS AT TWO PLACES

Continue to Hold Their Gains Both North and South of the Somme River and Comblès is Nearly Surrounded.

Paris, Sept. 16.—German counter attacks were made on French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the war office announced to-day. The assaults were delivered to the east of Clercy on the north bank of the river and east of Berny on the south bank below Peronne.

North of the Somme the French forces yesterday took a system of trenches 500 meters deep from the Germans north of the LePriez farm, thus with the aid of the British rendering the encirclement of the town of Comblès closer, says the war office communication issued last night.

"It is added that near Berny-En-Santerre, south of the Somme, three German trenches and 200 prisoners, five of them officers, were captured. Successful aviation operations were carried out on the Somme front. The communication says:

"North of the Somme we accomplished an advance north of LePriez farm, where we took a system of trenches to a depth of 500 meters. This advance in conjunction with the British operations marks the beginning of the encircling of Comblès.

"South of the Somme two attacks broke out at 4 p. m. in the sector of Danicourt-Berny brought us considerable gains. East of Danicourt a trench strongly held by the enemy and a small wood were captured after a quick fight.

"Northeast of Berny three trenches were successfully conquered by us. We took 200 prisoners and 10 machine guns. The latest advice says that the ground won this afternoon is covered with German dead.

"On the remainder of the front the day was relatively calm except in the sectors of Thiaumont, Fleury and Vaux-Chapelle, where the artillery duel continues sharply.

"Aviation—Our aviators on the Somme front distinguished themselves, particularly in numerous combats above the enemy's lines. Lieut. Guyemmer told us the 16th, Lieut. Nungesser his 12th, Lieut. Heurtaux his sixth and Lieut. De Rotherfort his sixth aircraft, while in a recent fight it is confirmed that Lieut. De Ullin won his sixth victory. Two other German machines were attacked at close range and compelled to descend seriously damaged.

"On the Verdun front one enemy machine was killed near Doncourt. In the Vosges our anti-aircraft artillery brought one Fokker down near Lux.

"Our bombing squadron also were very active Thursday night. A group of 10 machines dropped 77 bombs and 128 incendiary bombs on the station at railway at Tergnier and Chateau and on the station and barracks at Guisard. Numerous hits were made. A huge fire was observed at Tergnier and the commencement of a blaze at Guisard.

"Another squadron dropped 40 shells on the barracks at Stenay, where several fires were observed and 40 bombs on works at Rombach. One of our pilots pushed as far as Dillingen, in the valley of the Saar, and dropped eight bombs to have been observed. The same night the Rombach blast furnaces received 10 bombs and four more bombs fell on the railway between Metz and Pont-A-Mousson, which was seriously damaged."

GERMANS FOUGHT STUBBORNLY. And British Captured 2,300 Prisoners in Friday's Drive.

London, Sept. 16.—Smashing the German line on a front of six miles north of the Somme in France, the British forces have made probably the most notable advance since the Anglo-French offensive began July 1.

Three towns, two woods and the possession of nearly all the high ground between Comblès and the Pargères-Bapaume road fell to the British. Not only did the Germans lose these points, but the British drive imperils the Comblès and Thiepval positions, at either end of the British front. The gaining of the high ground north of Comblès gives the British command of the approaches to Bapaume.

The advance on the northern end of the front was for a distance of two miles. Courcellette, east of Thiepval and north of the Pargères-Bapaume road, and Martinpuich, south of the road, fell into the hands of General Haig's men. Farther south they took Flers and the High wood, making secure their possession of Ginchy. The Bouleaux wood north of Comblès, also was lost to the Germans.

The Germans under Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria fought stubbornly to hold their ground, London says, and the fighting was severe all along the line. More than 2,300 prisoners were taken by the British.

U. S. TRADE SECRETS SAFE. With British Censor, Declares David Lloyd George.

London, Sept. 16.—David Lloyd George, British secretary of war, yesterday gave the Associated Press the following statement:

"There appears to be a deliberate campaign, set on foot in the United States by German agents, to throw doubt on the good faith of His Majesty's government in regard to the use of information obtained through the censorship.

"These German agents, with whose underground methods of working we are quite familiar, appear now to have resorted to my statement in the House of Commons on August 8, although that statement was fully explained by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, on August 9, and most explicit assurances on the same subject were given by him in a later interview on August 25.

"In spite of this these propagandists are trying to dress out my statement as something new, nullifying Lord Robert Cecil's assurance which followed it. Let me now say on behalf of the military authorities what has already been said on behalf of the foreign office—that when information is passed on by the censorship to other departments it is for the sole purpose of guiding the action of the government in the conduct of the war.

"For instance, when we get information that an American firm, to whom the foreign office has given a permit for the export of certain German goods from Rotterdam, on the ground that the goods had been paid for before the war, is using that permit fraudulently, as frequently has been the case, we pass the information on to the foreign office in order that they may cancel the permit.

"Again, when we find that a neutral firm is using British banking facilities for the purpose of trading with our enemies and is deceiving the British banks in question as to the real purpose of the transaction, we pass that information on to the proper department in order that they may refuse to honor the transaction. Or, again, if we learn that a shipment of contraband, ostensibly from one neutral firm to another, is really destined for the enemy, we see that the contraband committee gets that information.

"That, frankly stated, is what we do. But we affirm, and challenge anyone to deny it, that honest business interests and trade secrets of an American merchant or manufacturer are as safe in the hands of the military censors, and of every other government department, as they are in the hands of the American postoffice."

FRESH EVIDENCE FOUND. Of British Discrimination Against American Trade.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—Senator Chamberlain, author of the amendment to the revenue bill for the exclusion of halibut and salmon from North Pacific regions, except under certain conditions, said yesterday he is getting new evidence of the extent of the British discrimination against American trade.

When the lobby committee meets after the election to begin the investigation of the charges that representatives of foreign countries influenced the United States government against the Chamberlain and Philan amendments, Senator Chamberlain will make a statement and present exhibits. People from all sections of the United States who feel they have been injured by British attitude are writing to Senators Chamberlain, Jones and others, giving information as to their experience with the British government.

Senator Chamberlain charged that Sir Joseph Pope of Canada came to Washington to oppose his amendments and the Philan amendment which empowered the president to deny the use of mail to foreign countries which discriminate against the United States.

It is reported in Washington that Great Britain during consideration of the revenue bill and retaliatory amendments threatened to nullify the agreement of November 16, 1912, adopting rules and methods of procedure in connection with the north Atlantic coast fisheries. This had to do with the Newfoundland fish-cries dispute.

BULGARIANS IN RETREAT

Serbian Official Statement Says They Are Falling Back in Disorder

WITH THE SERBIANS IN CLOSE PURSUIT

Von Mackensen Wins Decisive Victory Over Russo-Rumanian Forces

Saloniki, Sept. 16.—The Bulgarians are falling back in disorder toward Monastir, pursued by victorious Serbians, according to an official statement issued at Serbian headquarters.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 16.—The Teutonic allies in Dobruja gained a decisive victory over Russian and Rumanian forces, says a telegram from Emperor William to the empress. The telegram was officially given out says: "Field Marshal Von Mackensen just informs me that the Bulgarian-Turkish-German troops in Dobruja have gained a decisive victory over the Russo-Rumanian forces."

AUSTRIAN SEAPLANES DO EFFECTIVE WORK

Bombs Were Dropped on Isonzo Front and Numerous Hits Were Made, According to Vienna Statement.

Vienna, via London, Sept. 16.—Successful operations by Austrian seaplanes at points on the Isonzo front are reported in an official statement which says:

"One of our seaplanes yesterday Thursday night attacked batteries and military objects at Vallone. Bombs of a total weight of one and one-half tons were dropped and numerous hits were obtained, causing extensive fires. Despite heavy shelling from Italian aircraft guns, all the machines returned safely.

On Thursday afternoon a seaplane squadron successfully bombarded Italian batteries on the lower Isonzo and Adria rivers and works near Malafione and returned safely."

WOUNDED IN FRANCE.

Brig-Gen. Lord Brooke, Eldest Son of Fifth Earl of Warwick.

London, Sept. 16.—Brig-Gen. Lord Brooke has been wounded in France.

Lord Brooke is the eldest son of the fifth Earl of Warwick and has lately been in command of the Fourth infantry brigade of the Canadian expeditionary force. He commanded the maneuvers in Canada in 1914 and was aide de camp to the commander-in-chief of the British army in France in 1914 and 1915.

PRINCE OF HESSE KILLED.

Nephew of Emperor William Was Fighting in the Balkans.

Berlin, Sept. 16, via London.—Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been killed at Kara Orman, it was officially announced by the war office yesterday in its report on operations on the Balkan front.

Prince Frederick William of Hesse was a nephew of Emperor William. He was born in 1893, the oldest son of Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse and Princess Margaret, sister of the German emperor. He was reported wounded in the fighting in France in September, 1914.

WILL ASSIST HUGHES.

National Woman's Campaign Committee to Participate in Campaign.

New York, Sept. 16.—William R. Willcox, chairman of the Republican committee, last night announced the appointment of a national woman's campaign committee to assist in the Hughes' campaign. The committee, it was said, will work with the various state committees and also with the woman's committee of the Hughes alliance.

MONTPELIER

F. W. and J. A. Dakin Co. Files Articles of Association.

The F. W. and J. A. Dakin Co., Inc., filed articles of association to-day with the secretary of state, having capital stock of \$100,000, with 1,000 shares. The incorporators of the concern, which is organized to do a contracting business, are F. W. and John A. Dakin and R. C. Howard, all of Sherbrooke, P. Q. The Dakins are members of the firm of Dakin-Loomis, Ltd., which is constructing the new Playhouse on State street.

Chief Justice Loveland Munson of the supreme court left this forenoon for his home in Manchester, having been in the city since Wednesday in conference at the State House with the associate justices. The October term of court opens the first Tuesday next month, Oct. 3.

President E. C. Smith of the Central Vermont road, President Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk system, and other officials of the two railway companies arrived in the city this forenoon on a special train from New London, Conn., having left St. Albans the first of the week on a tour of inspection. Several of the party this morning visited B. F. Fifield of State street, former attorney for the Central Vermont.

Herbert N. Shore of Boston, who has been visiting in the city for a week as the guest of Dr. E. C. Barrett of Barre street, left this forenoon for his home.

Miss Louise Bernadine returned this forenoon from Wakefield, Mass., where she visited friends during the week.

DROPPED DEAD IN HOTEL.

Charles W. Bowen of Providence Was in St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, Sept. 16.—Charles W. Bowen of Providence, R. I., age 67, dropped dead of heart failure in the office of the St. Johnsbury house last evening.

Mr. Bowen and his son, Edward, came here Tuesday following an automobile trip through northern New England. The son underwent a slight operation at Brightlight hospital yesterday morning and they had planned on returning to Providence as soon as the boy was discharged, in a day or two. Mr. Bowen was formerly employed at the Profile house in the White mountains and was sketching a plan of that building for the benefit of several men in the hotel office when he suddenly died. Mr. Bowen, who was a dealer in electrical appliances, leaves three sons, Edward and Richard of Providence and Charles, who is with the Rhode Island cavalry on the border, and a daughter, Miss Rebecca Bowen, of Providence.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Men Jumped from Motor Railroad Car Just in Time.

Poultney, Sept. 16.—As S. H. Richards, section boss for the quarry branch, was going on his motor railroad car yesterday morning through the village, he saw an engine only a little distance ahead coming towards him at full speed. It was raining hard and most of the crew were under their canvas cover. The men barely escaped and the car was picked up by the engine and carried from the railroad switch, some 14 rods away. The car was broken in such a way that there is little left except junk.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Agnes Burke is employed as a stenographer in the Central Vermont freight office.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Bartlett of Plainfield were among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blodgett, who were recently married in Montgomery, have returned to Barre to reside.

Miss Frances Winslow has returned to her home in Essex Junction, after visiting relatives in Maple Grove.

Sprague Drennan left this morning for Barton, where he will assume the duties of principal of Barton high school next week.

Carroll's orchestra returned this morning from Woodville, N. H., where they played at a ball given by the Bachelor Girls' club of Woodville last evening.

The W. C. T. U. of the Baptist church presented their minstrels at the Baptist church parlors in Websterville last evening before a large and appreciative audience.

Mrs. Harry Johnson and son, Harold, have returned to their home on Concord street after making an extended sojourn with friends in different parts of Maine.

Miss Emma Commiskey of Hartford, Conn., arrived in the city last night and will visit while here at the home of her sisters, Mrs. A. C. Williams and Mrs. J. H. Nelson.

Miss Isabelle Nelson, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Boston at Quincy, Mass., during the past two weeks, returned to her home on Franklin street last night.

Harley Edwards and Harley Crickshank of Websterville were visitors in the city this morning while on their way to Chicopee Falls, Mass., where they expect to be employed.

Henry Gill of Lanesboro, who was a guest of Charles H. Northrop of the Merchant street extension to-day, will leave this afternoon for Burlington to pass the week-end with friends.

Miss Agnes M. Safford, a teacher at the Wesleyan academy, arrived in the city last night from her home in Portland, Me., where she has been staying since the close of the spring term last June.

Everett Swasey, who has been visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Swasey of Waterbury, for several days, visited friends in the city yesterday. Mr. Swasey will return to his home in Montreal, P. Q., within a few days.

Paul D. Barnard, who has been visiting his uncle, D. W. Stone, through the summer vacation, left this morning for Kingston, R. I., where he will resume his studies at the Rhode Island State college next week.

T. H. Golden and F. P. Ducharme arrived in the city last evening from Milford, Mass., where they have been employed as stonecutters during the past few months. They will commence work in a North Barre stonemason next Monday morning.

The Misses Katherine Phelps and Mary Tomasi, who have been encamped at the Westcott cottage at Lake Moreau during the past week, returned to the city last night. The remaining members of the party will return to-night, they being Misses Hazel Lyon, Cora Roberts, Madeline Rogers and Annie Messer.

Malcolm Dodge, who has been visiting friends in Richmond for several days, arrived in the city last night and visited at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Laura S. Dodge of Seminary street. He left this morning for his home in Flushing, L. I., accompanied by his little brother, Francis, who has been visiting in the city for several weeks.

The members of the Epworth league held an old-fashioned social at the Methodist church parlors last evening, when many of the young people assembled to enjoy a candy pull. A delightful entertainment was in progress throughout the evening with nearly all the young folks present participating in singing old songs. After the program of singing was completed, the party gathered around a table for a supper that was served by the members of the league. A good time was enjoyed by all.

With the advent of the open season for shooting ruffed grouse, woodcock and gray squirrels, there has been an appreciable strengthening in the demand for hunting licenses at the office of the city clerk. Many sportsmen are provided with the hunting permits through the purchase of combination hunting and fishing licenses in the early summer; but those who prefer the woods to the brooks and ponds are right in the market for single permits these days. Yesterday marked the opening of the season on partridges and gray squirrels, and while the foliage is too thick at this time for successful hunting, the fact that nearly 75 licenses have been sold this week indicates that the hunters believe in preparedness.

UNIONS VOTE ON A STRIKE

First of Those Proposing a Sympathetic Movement in New York

LABOR LEADERS SAY 70,000 WILL GO OUT

During Past 24 Hours, One Man Has Been Killed and 54 Injured

New York, Sept. 16.—Several trade unions voted to-day to determine their response to the call for a sympathetic strike to back up the street car employees. By Monday, labor leaders expect to learn the sentiment of longshoremen, teamsters, tidewater boatmen, coal bargemen and stationary engineers and firemen, to whom the carmen particularly addressed their appeal. By Monday, they assert, 70,000 men will be called out to protect the very life of union labor in New York. One man was killed and 54 persons have been injured in accidents on the elevated and surface car lines within the past 24 hours.

Several persons were injured, none of them seriously, in two traction accidents last night. The most serious was a rear-end collision between two trains on the Third Avenue elevated line. Passengers were hurled from their seats, and many suffered severe injuries. Downtown traffic was held up more than an hour as a result of the accident.

Two trolley cars were in collision in the Bronx, and four persons, one a patrolman on strike duty, were injured. It is said the cars were being operated by strikebreakers.

The public service commission brought its inquiry into the strike to a close yesterday. A statement issued with regard to the situation on the Third Avenue Railway company's lines said there was no evidence of bad faith on the part of the company or any indication that it was the company's intention to violate the agreement of Aug. 7, which ended the former surface car strike.

"The strike should be called off at once and the agreement of Aug. 7 should be lived up to in letter and spirit," the statement concluded.

FUNERAL OF AGED MAN.

Services for Joseph G. Mudgett Were Held Friday Afternoon.

The funeral of Joseph Grant Mudgett, who passed away Wednesday forenoon in his 91st year, was held at the home of W. F. Bradford of Park street Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, was the officiating clergyman and the bearers were: W. F. Bradford, C. W. Averill, C. W. Melcher and Gilbert Small. The occasion called together a number of the older residents of Barre who were intimately acquainted with Mr. Mudgett in the days when he was active here in business circles. There were several fine floral tributes. Interment was made in the Mudgett family lot in Hope cemetery beside the body of Mrs. Mudgett, whose death occurred eight years ago.

TALK OF THE TOWN

At the Sunday evening service in the Presbyterian church Miss Gladys McDonald will sing "Shepherd Divine."

James M. Langley left to-day for a week-end visit with relatives in New Hampshire before returning to Hanover next week to resume his studies at Dartmouth college. Nelson Brown, who has been at home here for the summer, will return to Dartmouth Monday.

Capt. R. Ward, officer in charge of the Salvation Army in Barre, is in personal touch with the Canadian or British government regarding wounded or lost soldiers, also wives and mothers not getting their pay have the sympathy of Capt. and Mrs. Ward in this terrible bloodshed, as they themselves have four relatives in the trenches. To any person desiring information in any part of the British allies in the European war, Capt. Ward gives his services free. You may call at 40 South Main street or phone 264-3.

About 40 young folks assembled at the Bassett grove on the west hill Thursday evening to hold a corn roast in honor of Miss Agnes McKenzie, who is visiting friends in the city. After the party had gathered the boughs for the brushheap, an immense fire was soon in blaze, by which the corn roasters were able to roast their corn and marshmallows. After the corn and marshmallows were gone, everyone participated in games that passed the evening hours altogether too quick for the merry-makers, the party making the return to the city in the early hours of the morning.

Residents of North Main street from Cottage street to the Maple avenue intersection are humbly thankful for the heavy rain of yesterday, inasmuch as it alleviated conditions which those dully clothed with authority failed to remove. Accumulation of garbage along that section of the highway made the neighborhood notorious for its evil odor and pedestrians and abutting property owners alike were heartily disgusted with the inactivity of the authorities. Conditions such as have obtained in the north end near Willey street during every month in the summer existed in the section indicated from Monday until the rain came yesterday.

Practice. Patient.—But—the operation won't be serious, will it? Young M. D.—Only for me! I never tried it before.—Boston Globe.

"Father knows you're going to marry sister. I heard him talking about it the other day."

"But I didn't know it myself until last night."

"Oh, she told you too, did she?"—Life.

2,298 OF SCHOOL AGE.

Barre's Census Shows a Shrinkage From That of 1915.

Figures gathered by a special canvasser for the school census of 1916 have been compiled at the office of the city clerk and are on record in early anticipation of the printing of the annual city report. Although the aggregate of children of school age in Barre is indicative of a considerable shrinkage from the total of last year, the computation made by the clerk and his assistants does not point to any alarming decrease in the birth rate nor is it an earnest of wholesale removals from the city. The compilers ascribe the shrinkage to the statutory limitation on the age of children who are permitted to attend the public schools. In 1915 the law which says that children under six years of age shall not enroll made serious inroads on the census in every ward and the same law is held to account for the continued decrease this year.

According to the latest census there are 2,298 children between the ages of 6 and 18 years in the city limits. This footing represents a loss of 232 since the 1915 census, 322 from the census of 1914, 338 from the 1913 census and 415 from 1912. As a matter of fact there has been a perceptible decrease each year since 1911 with the exception of 1914, when the enrollment was 16 larger than the registration of the year previous.

Barre's 2,298 children are divided among the following age classifications: Between 6 and 8 years, 377; between 8 and 10 years, 1,518; between 10 and 12 years, 403. Girls, with a registration of 1,162, predominate, with the enrollment of males reaching 1,136. This year tabulation was made of the children of 5 years of age in the city, the total being 191, boys 96 and girls 95. Added to the enrollment of children between 6 and 18, the grand total would be 2,489, which is nearly up to the average in years when 5-year-old children were allowed to attend school.

VERMONT SCHOOL NOTES.

Varied Announcements By Commissioner M. E. Hillegas.

The normal schools of Vermont, which will open Monday, Sept. 18, will have a large attendance, according to information received by State Commissioner M. E. Hillegas. Each school has increased its teaching staff and the number of critic teachers in the training class. At the Johnson Normal school there is now a critic teacher in charge of each room in the training school.

The teachers' training schools in Montpelier seminary, People's academy at Morrisville, the Essex Junction high school and the Randolph high school report classes with more than 14 students. This entitles them to an assistant teacher.

Since the first of July nearly 200 Vermont teachers have been recertified under the new regulations. This has involved a large amount of correspondence and investigation on the part of the commissioner's office. The work is now nearly completed. Very few life certificates under the new plan will be issued this year. One of the results of the new system of certification has been a large attendance at the various summer schools. About one-third of the teachers of Vermont attended at least three weeks of summer school. This is a record that has not been approached by any other state in the union. The attendance was not limited to the institutions in Vermont. There were Vermont teachers at the George Washington university, Washington, Columbia university, University of New York, Simmons college, Harvard university and Dartmouth college.

According to the new regulation towns will receive state aid according to the kind of certificate held by the teachers in their rural schools, \$4 a week being allowed for the life certificate, \$3 for the probationary certificate and \$2 for the qualification certificate and \$2 for the probationary certificate. The state will give trained teachers rebates only to towns which employ teachers holding one of the new certificates.

Revised List of Junior High Schools. The revised list of junior high schools is as follows: Jeffersonville, Cabot, Plainfield, North Troy, Highgate Center, Essex Center, Burlington, Waitsfield, South Royalton, Hinesburg and Randolph Center.

The teachers' training classes have been granted to Brigham academy, Bakersfield, Wilmington, Swanton and South Royalton.

Norman Frost has been granted a year's leave of absence from his duties as superintendent of the Washington west district for professional study at Columbia university. William H. Darrow of Putney has been elected by the state board to fill the vacancy.

Supt. John D. Whittier of the Bennington district has been granted two months' leave of absence by the state board for the purpose of working with the extension department of the university, which is engaged in preparing exhibits of boys' and girls' club work to be shown at the national dairy show mentioned above. The temporary vacancy in his district is to be filled by Mrs. Edward Smith of Bennington.

Through the generosity of Mortimer Proctor of Proctor and the Vermont Forestry association is offering three prizes to the students in the high schools and academies of the state for the best essays on "Forestry in Vermont." Full details will be furnished later.

The \$100 voted to each superintendent by the board of education at its meeting of Aug. 10 takes the place of the "traveling account" of last year. For this \$100, the superintendents need keep no vouchers nor render any accounts. In addition to this, the usual "office expense" account will be allowed at the end of the year. For this an account must be rendered and vouchers presented. This includes only such office expenses as can be legitimately charged to the state and should not contain items that should be charged to the towns.

The state board has authorized the commissioner to hold two institutes for the instruction of the teachers' training class. The dates and places are to be announced later.

A committee has been appointed to investigate the purchasing of phonograph records. These records are to make a circulating library for distribution among the junior high schools.

The resignation of Walter H. Siple as instructor of science and expression at the John Normal school has been accepted.

COST GRAHAM ONLY \$28.18

The Republican Nominee for Governor Files His Expense Account

MONEY WAS SPENT IN CORRESPONDENCE

He and F. L. Webster of Swanton Filed to Comply with the Law

Although four days have elapsed since the primary, only two candidates for state office have followed the provisions of the statute and filed with the secretary of state the list of expenses incurred in waging the campaign. Horace W. Graham, Republican nominee for governor, and Fred L. Webster of Swanton, Democratic nominee for attorney-general, are the two who have filed statements. Candidate Graham expended the sum of \$28.18, the entire amount being paid for stationery and postage, and Mr. Webster parted with 33c in a successful endeavor to secure the nomination of the minority party.

The section of the primary law which makes necessary the filing of a sworn statement provides that it must be made within ten days after the primary election, the wording of the section having been changed at the recent special session to make it more specific. The candidate is supposed to include in his items all amounts "paid or promised."

INSPECTED STATION REPAIRS. Grand Trunk and Central Vermont Officials Spent Short Time in Barre.

Grand Trunk and Central Vermont railroad officials were represented among the passengers on a special train which arrived at the Barre station this forenoon around 9 o'clock. One of the main line locomotives and an accommodation coach made up the train. E. J. Chamberlain of Montreal, president of the Grand Trunk, E. C. Smith of St. Albans, president of the Central Vermont road, J. E. Dalmagne of Montreal, vice-president of the Grand Trunk, and S. E. Dewey, also of Montreal, traffic manager for the Grand Trunk system, were aboard the train, which is making a tour of inspection over the Central Vermont divisions. It was stated that the officials were here merely for one of their semi-occasional visits. The report that they came to Barre to consider the protest of the Barre Board of Trade, registered sometime ago, over the failure of the Central Vermont people to provide connections with the afternoon train leaving the capital at 2 o'clock, was not corroborated.

None of the Board of Trade officials were aware of the visit until after the officials had departed, although they have been patiently awaiting action on the protest for some time. At the station the special train stopped long enough to discharge its passengers and was ready to back out of the yard after the officials had given the station brief "once over." Newly painted walls and ceiling in the station lobbies and improved lighting facilities asked for by the Board of Trade sometime since came under the official scrutiny. Near 9:30 o'clock the special train left for points south.